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Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly decision 42/450, the members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination are nominated by the Council and elected by the Assembly.

2. The membership of the Committee in 2006 is as follows (term of office expires on 31 December in the year indicated):[1] Algeria (2007); Argentina (2008); Armenia (2008); Bahamas (2006); Belarus (2008); Benin (2008); Brazil (2008); Bulgaria (2008); Central African Republic (2008); China (2007); Comoros (2006); Cuba (2008); France (2006); Ghana (2007); India (2008); Indonesia (2008); Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2008); Israel (2008); Italy (2008); Jamaica (2007); Japan (2007); Kenya (2007); Mexico (2006); Pakistan (2008); Portugal (2008); Republic of Korea (2007); Russian Federation (2006); Senegal (2008); South Africa (2008); Switzerland (2008); United States of America (2006); Uruguay (2008) and Zimbabwe (2006).

3. The General Assembly, at its sixty-first session, will be called upon to elect seven members, on the nomination of the Economic and Social Council, to fill the vacancies in the Committee that will occur on 31 December 2006 upon the expiration of the terms of office of the following members: Bahamas, Comoros, France, Mexico, Russian Federation, United States of America and Zimbabwe.

4. In accordance with General Assembly decision 42/450, the vacancies are to be filled as follows:

(a) Two members from African States;

(b) One member from Eastern European States;

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[1] There is one vacancy in the Western European and other States group for a member whose term of office would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2008.

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(c) Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

(d) Two members from Western European and other States.

5. By its decisions 2006/201 B and C, the Economic and Social Council nominated the following Member States for election by the General Assembly at its sixty-first session for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007: Comoros, Haiti, Russian Federation, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Zimbabwe.

6. Also in its decision 2006/201 C, the Economic and Social Council postponed the nomination of two members from Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

7. The geographical distribution of the nominated Member States is as follows:

(a) African States (two vacancies): Comoros and Zimbabwe;

(b) Eastern European States (one vacancy): Russian Federation;

(c) Latin American and Caribbean States (two vacancies): Haiti and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).